

FISCAL NOTE

SB 150 - HB 872

February 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits the right of the state to recover child support for children in state custody from the date the state receives legal custody from the court. A child support order must be entered within 45 days from the date of state custody or no retroactive child support will be awarded.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - \$82,300

Assumptions:

- The Department of Children's Services has 10,000 children in custody at any given time with 72% categorized as new cases.
- Of the children entering state custody, 25% have a child support hearing within 45 days, while 75% of children have a hearing within 90 days.
- Child support collections are budgeted at \$609,900 in state revenue with \$439,100 in new case revenue.
- 75% of new case revenue, totaling \$329,300, is associated with hearings exceeding 45 days. Of this revenue, 25% or \$82,300 will be lost in retroactive support for children whose hearings currently average over three months after placement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director